

REPUBLICANS FAVOR STATE CONVENTION

Leaders Desire Unofficial Indorsement of Candidates Against Tammany.

LIVINGSTON AN OBJECTOR

Movement On to Sidetrack Candidacies of La Guardia and W. M. Bennett.

It is probable that the Republicans will meet in an unofficial city convention late in July or early in August to recommend to the enrolled members of the party candidates for Mayor, Comptroller and President of the Board of Aldermen. In addition to the desire to prevent any miscarriage of the matured plans of the leaders, as happened in 1917, a convention is urged to promulgate an official Republican platform.

Such a convention would emphasize the selections to be made at conferences already arranged for, selected committees representing the Republican organizations of the five boroughs and other groups of anti-Tammany citizens.

New York county leaders are practically a unit for the convention. The same is true of the other counties, with the exception of Kings, where Jacob A. Livingston is wedded to the idea that the candidate for Mayor must be a Brooklyn man. He realizes that his organization would have to support the recommendations of an unofficial convention, even should the man named for Mayor be from a borough other than Brooklyn.

However, all the leaders realize that both F. H. La Guardia, President of the Board of Aldermen, and former Senator William M. Bennett, whose hats are already in the primary ring, are likely to cause more trouble than had been anticipated. With a formal declaration on the part of an unofficial convention, representing the Republican voters, it would be easier to assure the nomination of a proper man, the leaders say, and would in proportion lessen the strength of those whose candidacies are merely personal. La Guardia, who repeatedly has asserted his championship of direct primaries, would unquestionably use an unofficial convention as a campaign issue against the "bosses."

Joseph Levenson, leader of the First Assembly district, is urging the political enforcement of the Mullin-Gage prohibition enforcement act by the Hyman administration he made an issue in the campaign. He believes the people can be convinced that not Gov. Miller, as Tammany is claiming, should be held responsible for the oppression on the part of the police, but Mayor Hyman, who has deliberately made the enforcement disagreeable and unnecessarily oppressive. His views on the subject are being carefully weighed with the idea of framing a policy to be used in the campaign.

"No matter what others say," declared Levenson yesterday, "I believe Mayor Hyman is the weakest candidate that could be named."

POLITICIANS TO ENJOY OUTING ON WEDNESDAY

12th Assembly G. O. P. Club Going to Bear Mountain.

When the Twelfth Assembly District Republican Club—the organization in Senator Calder's home district—sets sail aboard the Sirius, from Pier 1, North River, for the Interstate Park at Bear Mountain, next Wednesday at noon, promptly, there will be, it is expected, one of the biggest gatherings of politicians from all parts of the State that have been seen in many a day. Senator Calder heads the reception committee, which includes John F. Rafferty, Internal Revenue Collector, State Senator William T. Simpson, Assemblyman James G. Moore and Alderman Thomas F. Layden.

There will be a programme of athletic contests for men, women and children and the club's baseball club will fight it out with a team representing Republican Charles Murphy's Tenth district club. John E. Brady, president of the club, is superintending arrangements for the outing.

AUTOMOBILE FIRES HALT TRAFFIC ON 2 BRIDGES

One Car Believed to Have Been Stolen—Driver Escapes.

Traffic over the Brooklyn and Queensborough bridges was interrupted yesterday because of the accidental burning on each side of the bridges of an automobile. No one was injured in either accident, and the fires were extinguished quickly. The ruined machines were hauled off the bridges, relieving the congestion.

A taxicab believed to have been stolen was being driven near the centre span of the Brooklyn Bridge on the north roadway, when flames burst out and the driver, jumping out, ran for his life. Policemen dumped pails of water on the machine, however, and put out the flames before they reached the gasoline tank. The driver disappeared.

Arthur Bauman of 484 Jamaica avenue, Astoria, was returning over the Queensborough bridge in his automobile when the gasoline tank blew up and fire started. He was unhurt, but the car was wrecked before the flames could be put out.

AUTOMOBILE LICENSES OF SPEEDERS REVOKED

Three Drivers Lose Right to Drive Cars.

Three automobile licenses were revoked at a hearing in Special Sessions yesterday in the cases of three drivers who each had been convicted three times for speeding. They were Ira Posner, 1186 Washington avenue, The Bronx; Charles Lubin, 961 Hoe avenue, The Bronx, and Horace L. Gregory, 69 West Thirty-ninth street.

Charles W. Taft, Second Deputy Secretary of State, and William Bonner, secretary to John J. Lyons, Secretary of State, conducted the hearing, which was the last presided over by representatives of the Secretary of State's office. On July 1 the new automobile law becomes effective giving Magistrates the power to revoke and suspend licenses.

The license of Edward Barry, 163 1/2 West 102d street, was suspended for sixty days for speeding. William Pratt, 522 Fifty-fourth street, Brooklyn, will not be granted a license for sixty days because he sent a substitute in his stead on May 3 to be examined for a license.

BROOKLYN TO HONOR 2,800 HEROES TO-DAY

Unveiling of Memorial to War Dead to Be Held in Prospect Park at 2:30 P. M.

WM. H. TODD IS DONOR

Mayor and Other City and Borough Officials Will Participate in Ceremonies.

The unveiling of Brooklyn's permanent honor roll, upon the tablets of which are inscribed the names of the 2,800 men from Brooklyn who died during the war, will be held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in Prospect Park. The entire National Guard of the borough will be present under the direction of Brig.-Gen. James Robb and Commodore R. P. Forsaw.

Park Commissioner John N. Harman, who postponed the unveiling from June 5 in order that it might be held on the anniversary of the day the first American troops landed in France, will preside. Mr. Harman created the original memorial, hewn from trees in Prospect Park, in 1918 and later interested William H. Todd, the shipbuilder, who is the donor of the permanent memorial which will be unveiled to-day. Miss Natalie Todd will haul down the flags which cover the tablets.

Mayor Hyman will receive the honor roll in behalf of the city, and Edward Reiselmann, Borough President, will receive it in behalf of Brooklyn. United States Senator William M. Calder also will speak. The old memorial will be turned over to the Kings County Historical Society.

Stands have been erected and seats arranged for several thousand persons. Some tickets have been distributed, but they are not necessary to obtain seats. A special section has been reserved for relatives of the men whose names are on the tablets.

HIRSHFIELD DEFENDS HYMAN AND SCHOOLS

Says 17 or 18 Buildings Will Be Opened in Fall.

David Hirschfield, official defender of the Hyman administration, tried yesterday to defend it against the charges of failure to provide proper school facilities. Without any details, he declared that seventeen and possibly eighteen schools would be opened in the fall. He repeated the old assertion that the Public Education Association, which was instrumental in making the recent survey of the schools, was dominated by the Rockefeller influence.

Of course, said Mr. Hirschfield, New York has old schools, but they can not be discontinued until new ones are built. Because of the war, new construction had to be suspended. The Hyman administration began to build schools as soon as it was possible. He charged that the critics of the school administration had waited until the eve of a Mayoralty election to launch their attacks.

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